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Council on Developmental Disabilities		
Full Council Meeting		
January 25, 2007 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.		
January 26, 2007, 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.		
Location: Marriott Spring Hill Suites, Boise, Idaho		
Call to Order	Rick Betzer called the meeting to order at 12:40	
	p.m.	
Roll Call	Council members present: Rick Betzer, Kristyn	
	Herbert, Mike Smith, Dona Butler, Liz Ricciardi,	
	Leslie Clement, Corinne Johnson, Bob Jackson,	
	Shiloh Blackburn, Kim Kane, Mary Johnson, Paige	
	Fincher, Penny Larson.	
	Members absent: Mary Bostick, James Steed,	
	Debbie DePaola, Jim Baugh, Corey Barnard, Donna	
	Denney, Julie Fodor.	
	Staff members present: Marilyn Sword, Tracy	
	Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam	
	Stanley and Amanda Holloway.	
	Visitors/Facilitators: Matt Wappett, Mary Beth	
	Wells, Dept. of Education, Jane Donnellan,	
	Vocational Rehabilitation.	
Welcome,	Rick reviewed the Council meeting Ground Rules.	
Announcements,	New staff member, Amanda Holloway and	
Introductions,	legislative intern, Lindsay Worley were introduced.	
Review Agenda	Rick reminded everyone to respond to Council	
lieview rigeriaa	emails and Marilyn asked that Council members	
	check their emails twice a week.	
Approval of	The minutes of the November 2 – 3, 2006 Council	
January 25-26, 2007	minutes were approved as presented.	
Minutes	minates were approved as presented.	
Reports	<u>Chair's Report</u> – Rick reported that the Executive	
- Chair's Report	Director's Evaluation has been completed.	
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Public Policy Report

- Recommend supporting

changes to IT

Bill draft

- Recommend Concurrent Resolution for Family-Directed Services

- Recommend
Medicaid
Reform
Position
Statement

<u>Public Policy Report</u> – Bob Jackson reviewed the 2007 Legislative Slate – Issues and Information.

The Public Policy Committee reviewed the Accessible IT Bill, new language added to include colleges and universities. It was the recommendation of the Committee to accept the changes.

Recommend Concurrent Resolution for Family-Directed Services – Last year, JFAC directed Medicaid, in collaboration with the Council and others to research the feasibility of implementing family directed services for minor age children with developmental disabilities. Medicaid developed a report to the legislature regarding this directive and the Council drafted an addendum that explains the impact of this potential change in plain language. The Committee is recommending that the Council draft a concurrent resolution for introduction in the legislature that would encourage the continuation of this effort.

Recommend Medicaid Reform Position Statement – Corrine Johnson and Marilyn Sword read the Medicaid Reform Position Statement out loud. Kim stated that under #5 and #9 insure, needs changes to ensure. Tracy stated that in #7 after "My Voice My Choice" it should be an option, not a waiver. The Committee recommends support.

 Recommend to Support RS 16558, ASL as a Foreign Language

ASL as a Foreign Language (cont'd)

 Recommend to Support RS 16559,
 Recognize the Unique Needs of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing Recommend to Support RS 16558, ASL as a Foreign Language – This is a concurrent resolution that recommends that colleges, universities, or public schools would give foreign language credit for American Sign Language classes. The Committee recommends continuing support. The Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing introduced this resolution (instead of a bill) and sponsors are Rep. Nonini and Sen. Jorgenson.

Recommend to Support RS 16559, Recognize the Unique Needs of Children who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing – The purpose of the Concurrent Resolution is to encourage policymakers to recognize the unique educational needs of children who are deaf or hard-of-hearing. This resolution is also from the Council for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. The Committee recommends support.

Mike Smith made a motion to accept the Public Policy recommendations as amended. Mary Johnson seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.

Legislative Action Items

- Self Directed Services Rules
- American Sign Language for Foreign Credit

Self Directed Services Rules – Governs the administration of the Self-Directed Supports option through Medicaid. Committee recommends support and participation. The rules have been approved by the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. Since action has already taken place on these rules they will not be included with the issues that Council members will be talking to their legislators about.

American Sign Language for Foreign Credit – Will give recognition to ASL as foreign language credit. It provides a better opportunity for people to learn ASL. Encourages universities and secondary schools to offer ASL for foreign language credit. There is limited to no fiscal impact.

- Disability History Week	<u>Disability History Week</u> – Establish the third week in October as Disability History Week, this is recommended to be a bill, but has not yet been printed. Idaho schools will be required to add this subject to their curriculum. Increases understanding and promotes acceptance. The fiscal impact is anticipated to be limited. Information will provided by SILC and ICDD regarding materials that can be included in the curriculum. Position of the Dept. of Ed. and the IEA is not yet known. Rep. Sharon Block is the House sponsor. No Senate sponsor yet.
Travel to Capitol	Members traveled to the Statehouse to call on their legislators
Dinner	Council members reported on the responses they
Member Reports	received from their legislators regarding the two
Debrief from	pieces of legislation. Members also filled out their
Legislative visits	legislative contact forms and submitted them to staff for followup. Members also shared
	information about their recent activities in their home communities.
Call to Order	Rick Betzer called the meeting back to order at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, January 26, 2007.
Roll Call	Council members present: Rick Betzer, Kristyn Herbert, Mary Johnson, Corinne Johnson, Paige Fincher, Shiloh Blackburn, Bob Jackson, Mike Smith, Kim Kane, Liz Ricciardi, Leslie Clement, Penny Larson. Members absent: Mary Bostick, James Steed, Debbie DePaola, Jim Baugh, Corey Barnard, Donna Denney, Dona Butler, Julie Fodor. Staff members present: Marilyn Sword, Tracy Warren, Ron Enright, Christine Pisani, Pam

Stanley and Amanda Holloway.

<u>Visitors/Facilitators</u>: Matt Wappett, Mary Beth Wells, Dept. of Education, Jane Donnellan, Vocational Rehabilitation. ISSH Crisis Team – Helen Babcock, Russell Salyards, Reed Mulkey, Denver Yahr, Kelly Hardy and Matt Larson.

Committee Reports

- Consumer Leadership Caucus <u>Consumer Leadership Caucus Report</u> – Kristyn Herbert presented the Consumer

Leadership report. The November 2006 minutes were approved as presented. Shiloh presented two position statements from The National Arc and the Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities on the topic of guardianship. Kristyn reported that she signed up for the "My Voice My Choice" self directed waiver. Mary reported that she is now a permanent employee at King's.

- Governance Committee

Governance Report -

Marilyn Sword presented the Governance Report. The Committee reviewed the draft Code of Ethics for the Executive Director; it will be revised and presented at the Council Meeting in April. The Committee reviewed a Conference Evaluation form received from a parent who attend a conference on IDEA law with Council funds. The Committee reviewed 2 conference funding requests. One was for a couple to attend a conference in Sacramento. It was recommended that the Council approve funding for one of the parents at \$583, and encourage them to seek funding for the other parent. The second request was from Dona Butler to attend the national conference of the Voice of the Retarded. This request was approved with the conditions that Dona shares the Council's different perspective/philosophy on disability and makes a recommendation to change the name.

The Committee reviewed the evaluation form and

- Governance Committee	scoring sheet for the Executive Director performance evaluation. Kim Kane will make some modification before it is presented to the full Council at the April meeting. The Committee reviewed an internal Council employee grievance policy. Marilyn presented it to DHR, which recommended some changes. The policy was revised and resubmitted to DHR, awaiting comments. Bob Jackson is concerned about the proposed dissolution of DHR. There was discussion about the other proposed changes to the Dept. of Administration and the future of the IT staff was discussed. Mike expressed concerns about the people in Northern Idaho being on the Council and the funding for attendance. He was reassured that the future of the Council will not be impacted.
- Membership Committee	Membership Report — Mary Johnson presented the Membership Report. The Committee approved Policy 103 with changes and will give it to the Governance Committee for action. They also discussed Council Member appointments and reappointments. With Ame Linch's resignation, there is currently no representation from the Magic Valley region. Recommendations for membership should be made to Ron by mid February and are due by April 1. Review of applications will be done by the committee at the April Council meeting. Jane Donnellan's application was reviewed and accepted by the Committee.
2006 Annual Report	The 2006 Annual Report was distributed. Ron explained that the report was prepared using DD Suite. Ron explained the process of inputting the data and how user friendly DD Suite is. The performance measures are required by the

2006 Annual Report	electronic reporting system (OLDC). These performance measures are for 2006. ADD has not accepted the use of DD Suite for their reports.Pam Stanley provided her last financial report and contract report. Pam indicated that some of the numbers are soft and may be changed by next Council meeting. The Council would still like to receive the Contract report. Marilyn reported that she had made a presentation on the Council's program and budget for JFAC.
Progress Report on Plan Activities - Community Living Workgroup	Community Living Workgroup – Rick Betzer presented the report.
- Education/Parti cipant Directed Supports	Education/Participant Directed Supports – Corrine Johnson presented the report
- Quality Assurance/ Abuse Neglect Prevention	Quality Assurance/Abuse Neglect Prevention – Presented by Theresa Wilding.
- Presentation by ISSH Crisis Team	ISSH Crisis Team gave a presentation. The Council was impressed with their progress.

Agenda Items for	Review the Code of Ethics and the Executive
Next Meeting	Director Evaluation form and provide training.
	Legislative wrap up report
	Possibly a field trip to ISSH
	Family support 360 project report.
	Conference report from the upcoming conferences.
	Send email to Marilyn if you have any other agenda items.
	Next meeting – April 19-20, 2007 at Hampton Inn Suites (changed to Marriott Spring Hill
	Suites)
Adjourn	There being no further business, the Council
	adjourned at 12:02pm.